Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date:	Bureau/Station/Facility:	Admin. Invest.?	Hit?
08/12/2018	Central Patrol Division / East Los Angeles Station	☐	☑

Incident Information

URN:	Date:	Time:
018-11924-0291-013	08/12/2018	0204

City or Station: East Los Angeles

Location: [redacted] East Cesar Chavez Ave, East Los Angeles, 90022

Nature of Incident: The suspect fled from deputies during a robbery investigation and fell to the ground. Deputies attempted to detain the armed suspect and a deputy involved fight and shooting occurred.

Location Type (check one or more):
- ☐ Backyard
- ☐ Beach
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Freeway
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Park
- ☐ Parking Lot
- ☑ Residence
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ School
- ☐ Street
- Other: Apt.Complex

Lighting (check only one):
- ☑ Darkness
- ☐ Daylight
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Street Lights

Weather (circle only one):
- ☑ Clear
- ☐ Cloudy
- ☐ Fog
- ☐ Rain

Distance: 2-5 feet

Incident Type (check one or more):
- ☐ Accidental
- ☑ Armed Person
- ☑ Fleeing Suspect
- ☐ Foot Pursuit
- ☐ Gun Take Away
- ☐ Moving Vehicle
- ☐ Sniper/Ambush
- ☐ Startle
- ☑ Struggle Involved
- ☐ Traffic Stop
- ☐ Unarmed Person
- ☐ Unintentional
- ☐ Vehicle Pursuit
- ☐ Warrant Service
- ☐ Warning Shot
- Other:

Initiated by (check only one):
- ☐ Arrest Warrant
- ☑ Call
- ☐ Observation
- ☐ One Person Unit
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Search Warrant
- ☐ Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (check only one):
- ☐ Detective
- ☐ Inmate Transport
- ☐ Other
- ☑ Routine Patrol

Aero Unit? ☐ Canine Unit? ☐

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect
16	0

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (check only one)	ShiftType (check only one)
				☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
				☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
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Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
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Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
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Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(check one or more)
[redacted]	Castro	Mario		☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting
[redacted]	Rodriguez (Esquivel)	Sara	E	☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Inital	Kina	

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Easter	Anthony	E.

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SH # 2461585

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
08/12/18	0425 hours	08/13/18	08/12/18

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Carr	Jeremy	M.
[redacted]	[redacted]		
[redacted]	Dinh	Minh	G.

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
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(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
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(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
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(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
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(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
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(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S1	E1	FH	SR	22				
S1	E2	FH	SR	22				
E1	S1	FH	SS	9	Y	Y	DH	BK
E2	S1	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	DH	AD

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Involved Employee Information

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Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Perez	First Name: Nikolis	M.I.: A.
Sex: M / Race: H	Rank: DSG	Unit Assignment: East Los Angeles Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 22K1
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: / Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] / Height: 510	Weight: 150		
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]		PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted] / Prior Shootings? [redacted]	Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] / Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Sig Sauer	Caliber: 9 / # Shots: 8	Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber: / # Shots:
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]			M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]			M.I.

E 2

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Rojas	First Name: Jonathan	M.I.:
Sex: M / Race: H	Rank: DSG	Unit Assignment: East Los Angeles Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 22K1
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: / Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] / Height: 509	Weight: 190		
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]		PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted] / Prior Shootings? [redacted]	Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] / Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Smith & Wesson	Caliber: 9 / # Shots: 8	Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber: / # Shots:
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]			M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]			M.I.

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Sex: / Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: / Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: / Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit: / Prior Shootings? ☐	Number of Prior Shootings: / Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber: / # Shots:	Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber: / # Shots:
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

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Suspect Information

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Vargas		First Name: Anthony		M.I. D.	
AKA Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.	
Sex: M	Race: H	Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]		
Work Phone:	Home Phone: [redacted]	Social Security #:	Driver's License #: [redacted]		
Age: 21	D.O.B. 07/27/1997	Height: 510	Weight: 300	FBI #: [redacted]	CII #: [redacted]
Booking #: Not booked	Primary Charge: 25850(A) PC	Secondary Charge: 69 PC			
Coroner Case? ✓	Coroner Case #: 2018-06226	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ✓	Substance Used: methamphetamine/ marijuana		
Armed? ✓	Apprehended? ✓	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? [redacted]		
Vehicle Make:	Model:	Year:	Parole:	Probation: Yes	Prior Felony Conviction: Yes

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Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.	
AKA Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.	
Sex:	Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:	
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:		
Age:	D.O.B.	Height:	Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:			
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:		
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐		
Vehicle Make:	Model:	Year:	Parole:	Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

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Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.	
AKA Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.	
Sex:	Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:	
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:		
Age:	D.O.B.	Height:	Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:			
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:		
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐		
Vehicle Make:	Model:	Year:	Parole:	Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

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AKA Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.	
Sex:	Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:	
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:		
Age:	D.O.B.	Height:	Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:			
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:		
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐		
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Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 018-11924-0291-013	Date: 08/12/2018
Time: 02:05	
Location: [redacted] East Cesar E. Chavez Avenue	City or Station: East Los Angeles
Bureau/Station/Facility: East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station	Admin. Investigation: ◯ YES ◉ NO
Type of Force: Control Holds, Personal Weapons, Firearm	
Incident Category: ◯ 1 ◯ 2 ◉ 3	Deputy Injury: ◉ YES ◯ NO; Suspect Injury ◉ YES ◯ NO
☒ Call ☐ Observation ☐ Detail	☐ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit
IAB Notified: ◉ YES ◯ NO; Person Notified: Lt. Dinh; Emp: [redacted]	IAB Roll Out ◉ YES ◯ NO

Involved Employee

E1

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Perez	Nikolis	A.	Deputy

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
◉ M ◯ F	H	510	150	[redacted]	◉ EM ◯ Day ◯ PM	◉ Regular Shift ◯ OT Shift ◯ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Unit 22K1
Individual Force Used: Control holds, Personal weapons, Firearm
◯ Directed ◯ Rescue ◯ Medical Assist
Individual Category: ◯ 1 ◉ 2 ◯ 3
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:
Coroner Case #

E2

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Rojas	Jonathan		Deputy

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
◉ M ◯ F	H	509	190	[redacted]	◉ EM ◯ Day ◯ PM	◉ Regular Shift ◯ OT Shift ◯ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Unit 22K1
Individual Force Used: Control holds, Personal weapons, Firearm
◯ Directed ◯ Rescue ◯ Medical Assist
Individual Category: ◯ 1 ◉ 2 ◯ 3
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Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
◯ M ◯ F					◯ EM ◯ Day ◯ PM	◯ Regular Shift ◯ OT Shift ◯ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
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On Duty Supervisor ☒ Additional Involved Employees

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Castro	Mario		SGT	YES ◉ NO ◯	YES ◯ NO ◉

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Grubb	Benjamin	C.	SGT	YES ◯ NO ◉	YES ◯ NO ◉

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Grall	David	M.	LT

#[redacted] 2/4/21

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature**: Date Copy Provided to Employee by: Emp #:

Unit Commander **(Print Name)** Unit Commander's **Signature**: Emp #: Date

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☐ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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Supervisor's Report on Use of Force
SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Vargas		First Name: Anthony		Middle Name: Daniel		Armed? Select: Firearm (Handgun)
AKA Last Name:		First Name:		Middle Name:		
Sex: (●) Male ( ) Female	Race: H	Age: 21	Height: 5'10"	Weight: 300	D.O.B: 07/27/97	Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W (●) C [redacted] — Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C
Street Address: [redacted]			City: [redacted]			State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Booking #: Not Booked	Primary Charge Code: 245(c) PC		Secondary Charge Code: 25400(a)(2)P			[redacted] Criminal History
Treated on Scene? (●) YES ( ) NO	Name: LACOFD		Unit: Engine 1			Phone #: (323) 268-5884
Hospital Admission? ☐	Rec'd Treatment At:		Coroner Case #: 2018-0622			Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry
By:	Address:					Phone #:
Under Influence: (●) YES (●) NO	Substance: Combination		5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES (●) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry			

Suspect Interview

Date:	Time:	☐ Audiotape:	☐ Videotape:	☐ Photos of Injuries:	☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

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AKA Last Name:		First Name:		Middle Name:		
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Street Address:			City:			State & Zip Code:
Booking #:	Primary Charge Code:		Secondary Charge Code:			☐ Criminal History
Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO	By:		Unit:			Phone #:
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By:	Address:					Phone #:
Under Influence: ( ) YES ( ) NO	Substance:		5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry			

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Suspect Information

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AKA Last Name:		First Name:		Middle Name:		
Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female	Race:	Age:	Height:	D.O.B.	Weight:	Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C — Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C
Street Address:			City:			State & Zip Code:
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By:	Address:					Phone #:
Under Influence: ( ) YES ( ) NO	Substance:		5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry			

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☐ **Additional Suspects Involved**

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(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Vargas, Anthony	S1	Perez, Nikolis	E1	HR	NN	HD
Vargas, Anthony	S1	Perez, Nikolis	E1	RS	NN	AR
Perez, Nikolis	E1	Vargas, Anthony	S1	CT	NN	AR
Vargas, Anthony	S1	Rojas, Jonathan	E2	HR	NN	HD
Vargas, Anthony	S1	Rojas, Jonathan	E2	RS	NN	AR
Rojas, Jonathan	E2	Vargas, Anthony	S1	CT	NN	AR
Vargas, Anthony	S1	Perez, Nikolis	E1	HR	NN	HD
Perez, Nikolis	E1	Vargas, Anthony	S1	PH	NN	HE
Vargas, Anthony	S1	Rojas, Jonathan	E2	HR	NN	HD
Rojas, Jonathan	E2	Vargas, Anthony	S1	PH	NN	AD
Vargas, Anthony	S1	Perez, Nikolis	E1	FH	NN	HD
Perez, Nikolis	E1	Vargas, Anthony	S1	FH	DH	BK
Vargas, Anthony	S1	Rojas, Jonathan	E2	FH	NN	HD
Rojas, Jonathan	E2	Vargas, Anthony	E1	FH	DH	AD

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**On-Duty Hit Shooting, Suspect Deceased**
IAB FILE NUMBER:	**SH2461585 / FO2522830**
URN#:	**018-11924-0291-013**
DATE/TIME:	**August 12, 2018 / 0205 Hours**
LOCATION:	[redacted] **East Cesar E. Chavez Avenue, Los Angeles**

SYNOPSIS

On August 12, 2018, Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Investigators Sergeants Jeremy Carr, [redacted] and Lieutenant Minh Dinh, responded to East Los Angeles regarding an on-duty deputy involved hit-shooting. IAB Sergeant Benjamin Grubb was assigned the administrative review of the incident on May 18, 2020.

Lieutenant Minh Dinh confirmed the Incident Commander, Lieutenant Anthony Easter, took reasonable steps to ensure that the involved parties and witnesses did not discuss the incident amongst themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators. Lieutenant Dinh also confirmed Lieutenant Easter ensured the involved and witness personnel did not collectively consult with their attorney or representative. In addition, Lieutenant Dinh confirmed Lieutenant Easter had the involved and witness personnel gather in the company of a supervisor, until they provided a statement to the assigned investigators.

The shooting incident was investigated by Sergeant Robert Martindale and Detective Dean Camarillo of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (LASD) Homicide Bureau. The results of their investigation were documented in the Homicide Book, under URN 018-11924-0291-013 **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volumes 1 and 2]** with additional information included in a Homicide Book Supplemental **[EXHIBIT B],** which was provided on a later date.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION

The incident was reviewed by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Justice System Integrity Division (JSID). In their letter of opinion **[EXHIBIT C]**, dated February 26, 2020, Deputy District Attorney Shannon Presby concluded Deputies Nikolis Perez and Jonathan Rojas acted in lawful self-defense, and defense of others when they used deadly force against Suspect Anthony Vargas and closed their file with no further action to be taken.

SUMMARY

On August 12, 2018, at approximately 0145 hours, [redacted] (Witness [redacted]) walked northbound on Mednik Avenue, alone, near the western entrance to the Nueva Maravilla Housing Community complex at the intersection of East Hammel Street and Mednik Avenue in East Los Angeles. A group of male Hispanics were congregated on a grass area near the "Colonia de Los Cedros" access road. One male Hispanic in the group, on a bicycle, was handed a dark object by another male in the group and placed it in his waistband. The male on the bicycle separated himself from the group and blocked Witness [redacted] path on the sidewalk. The male demanded Witness [redacted] watch. Witness [redacted] gave the male his watch because he feared the dark object he saw was a firearm and he would be shot if he did not comply. Witness [redacted] ran away and met up with his girlfriend, [redacted] (Witness [redacted].

> **IAB Note: The Nueva Maravilla Housing Community is a public housing complex managed by the Los Angeles County Development Authority. It spans 54 acres with approximately 1500 residents who occupy 504 units within 70 numbered buildings. The complex is divided into five "colonies", or "Colonias"; Colonia de Los Rosas, Colonia de Los Pinos, Colonia de Las Palmas, Colonia de Los Cedros and Colonia de Los Magnolias.**

At 0152 hours, Witness [redacted] called 9-1-1 to report Witness [redacted] had been robbed of his watch at gunpoint by a group of male Hispanics. She stated the incident occurred at the Nueva Maravilla Housing Community complex entrance near the intersection of East Hammel Street and Mednik Avenue in East Los Angeles **[EXHIBIT D – 911 Calls, call (1), audio mark 00:59-05:28 and call (2) audio mark 00:12-03:08]**.

Witness [redacted] and Witness [redacted] waited in their parked vehicle at the above intersection for the arrival of East Los Angeles Station deputies. As they waited, they watched the group of male Hispanic suspects who were congregated near the housing community entrance.

An emergent call for service of an armed robbery just occurred was dispatched, East Los Angeles Station Incident #ELA18224-0038 **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 1, page 112].** Numerous East Los Angeles Station personnel responded to the incident. Deputies Adrian Rendon (Witness Rendon), # [redacted] and James Duran (Witness Duran), #[redacted] assigned together in unit 23, responded to the intersection and were the first to arrive. They were followed by Deputies Nikolis Perez (Involved Employee), #[redacted] and Jonathan Rojas (Involved Employee), #[redacted] assigned together in unit 22K1.

Deputies Rendon and Duran located Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] As the deputies made contact, the group of 10-15 male Hispanics congregated near the housing community entrance fled on foot. Deputies Duran and Rendon saw the males run eastbound into the housing community on the "Colonia de Los Cedros" access road. Witness [redacted] pointed toward the group of males who ran and stated, "Those guys are the ones that just robbed me" **[Deputy Rendon's Homicide transcript, page 3].**

Via radio, Deputy Rendon directed Deputies Perez and Rojas to drive into the housing complex and search for the group of males they saw flee **[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic L-Tac 3 audio file (3)]**. Deputies Rendon and Duran stayed at the intersection and collected information from Witness [redacted] with the intention of putting out a crime broadcast.

From an entrance off Floral Drive, Deputy Rojas drove south into the "Colonia de Los Cedros" parking lot of the housing community, with Deputy Perez in the passenger seat. They searched for the male Hispanic robbery suspects.

They drove south through the "Colonia de Los Cedros" parking lot, and then eastbound on the "Colonia de Los Cedros" access road toward the "Colonia de los Magnolias" section of the housing community. They followed the access road which bended northbound.

Deputies Perez and Rojas saw a male Hispanic in dark clothing (later identified as Suspect Anthony Vargas) look back toward the police car and run eastbound across the access road in front of them. The suspect matched the general description described in the call of the male robbery suspects seen running. It appeared to the deputies the suspect was running from the sight of the police car, and the deputies formed the opinion the suspect was involved in the robbery. The deputies feared the armed suspect posed an immediate threat to the Nueva Maravilla Community residents. As the suspect ran, he fell to the ground approximately 20 feet east of the access road. The deputies determined it was crucial to immediately stop the armed robbery suspect from running into the community and possibly harming someone.

Deputy Rojas parked the police car on the access road perpendicular to the suspect, approximately 15-20 feet away from the passenger side of the radio car.

Deputy Perez exited the passenger side of the radio car and ran up to the suspect with his firearm pointed in the suspect's direction. Deputy Rojas exited the car and ran directly behind Deputy Perez. This portion of the incident was partially captured on two separate surveillance camera videos **[EXHIBIT E – Video(s) 1 and 2].**

As Deputy Perez approached to within 10 feet of the suspect, he identified himself as "Sheriff's Department" and ordered the suspect to stop and show his hands **[Deputy Perez' IAB transcript, page 11].** The suspect got up from the ground, reached into his waistband, and fell again in the wet grass.

Deputy Perez saw the suspect reach into his waistband, and based on the nature of the original robbery details, formed the opinion the suspect was armed. The suspect faced east away from Deputy Perez, who holstered his firearm and grasped the suspect's left arm with his hands and tried to pull it behind the suspect's back. The suspect physically resisted and crawled eastbound away from Deputy Perez. Deputy Rojas was positioned behind the suspect as he grasped his right arm. The deputies' attempted to take the suspect to the ground and pull his arms behind his back. The deputies' repeatedly ordered the suspect to get on the ground and give them his hands. The suspect, at 5'10," 300 pounds, crawled eastbound away from the 5'10,"150 pound Deputy Perez and 5'09," 190 pound Deputy Rojas.

At that moment, an acquaintance of the suspect, [redacted] (Witness [redacted]) walked southbound through the Colonia de Los Magnolias section of the Nueva Maravilla Housing Community. He looked west and saw deputies attempt to bring the suspect to the ground, but the suspect resisted. "They kept yelling like get on the ground," **[Witness [redacted] Homicide transcript, page 25]** and then a different voice said, "Fuck you" **[Witness [redacted] Homicide transcript, page 25].** Witness [redacted] was on parole, and he became scared when he heard police sirens in the distance. He walked south and out of view from the struggle and did not witness the subsequent shooting.

The suspect pulled away from deputies and dragged them approximately 50 feet east of where they first made contact. When Deputy Rojas reached around the suspect and attempted to pull the suspect's right hand, he felt the handle of a firearm **[Deputy Rojas' IAB transcript, pages 22-23].** Deputy Rojas was not able to see or retrieve the firearm at that point.

Deputy Rojas told Deputy Perez, "Hey, he has a gun!" **[Deputy Rojas' Homicide transcript, page 10].** With his left hand, Deputy Perez punched the suspect approximately two or three times in the back of the head to gain the suspect's compliance and surrender his hand. The suspect did not comply. Deputy Perez used his portable radio and broadcasted that deputies were involved in a fight with a suspect who possessed a gun **[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic – SCC Dispatch 3, audio file 4].** Deputy Rojas used his right hand and punched the

suspect approximately two to five times on the right side of his ribs and told the suspect to give up his hands. The suspect did not comply.

The suspect broke free of Deputy Perez' grasp, and turned around. The suspect now faced west with his back toward Deputy Perez. Deputy Rojas was still positioned near the suspect's rear/right side. The suspect fell face down in the grass area east of building 43, near unit 527 with his head pointed west and his arms underneath him. Deputy Rojas also fell to the ground and landed on his right shoulder. Deputy Rojas faced the suspect's right side.

The suspect faced Deputy Rojas, rolled his body onto his left shoulder, and lifted the right side of his body. The suspect had the gun in his hand, with his arm bent as he retrieved it from his waistband. Deputy Rojas shouted "Gun, gun, gun" to Deputy Perez **[Deputy Rojas' Homicide transcript, page 13].** Deputy Rojas was afraid; "...at that point I was just so scared. I was so scared that he was going to shoot me" **[Deputy Rojas' Homicide transcript, page 13].** Deputy Rojas' portable radio microphone cord was stuck under the suspect's arm, which tethered him to the suspect and prevented Deputy Rojas from creating distance. From a seated position, Deputy Rojas drew his firearm, aimed for the suspect's right side and fired eight times consecutively at the suspect.

When Deputy Rojas shouted his observation of the gun to Deputy Perez, Deputy Perez saw the suspect move his arms in front of his body and believed the suspect had retrieved a firearm.

Deputy Perez feared the suspect was going to shoot and kill his partner and himself. Deputy Perez drew his firearm, aimed it at the center mass of the suspect's back, and discharged his firearm eight times consecutively. Deputy Perez thought if he did not fire at the suspect, "Me or my partner, or both of us would be killed" **[Deputy Perez' IAB transcript page 34].**

The suspect was struck by gunfire 13 times and fell chest down on the ground, with his arms underneath his body. He suffered gunshot wounds to his back, head, right underarm, and right forearm **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 1, pages 73-94].**

Deputy Perez used his portable radio and broadcasted that deputies were involved in a shooting and indicated the suspect was down **[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic – SCC Dispatch 3, audio file 4].** He also requested for an emergency medical response.

IAB Note: **The time that elapsed between the deputy involved fight radio broadcast to the deputies' involved in a shooting broadcast was approximately 24 seconds. Both broadcasts are contained in the same audio file**

[EXHIBIT D – Radio Traffic – SCC Dispatch 3, audio file 4].

The suspect did not move, but was still a threat with the firearm underneath him. Deputy Rojas stood up onto his feet, but he was tethered to the suspect by his microphone cord from his portable radio. The deputies determined it was unsafe to render medical aid to the suspect until additional units arrived.

Deputies Rendon and Duran arrived, and were followed immediately thereafter by supervisors, Sergeants Mario Castro (Witness Castro) and Sara Rodriguez (Witness Rodriguez). Sergeant Castro approached Deputies Perez and Rojas and ensured they were uninjured and okay. He instructed the deputies to holster their firearms.

Deputy Duran handcuffed the suspect's left arm, and then with assistance from Deputy Rendon, he handcuffed the suspect's right arm. As the suspect was handcuffed, he was rolled onto his left shoulder which revealed a black handgun on the ground underneath his waistband area. The suspect was then rolled onto his back. Sergeant Rodriguez untangled Deputy Rojas' microphone cord and took possession of the portable radio.

Sergeant Castro directed Deputy Duran to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on the suspect.

Deputies continued CPR on the suspect for approximately five to ten minutes until the arrival of Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACOFD) personnel. LACOFD personnel determined the suspect was deceased at the scene. Deputies secured the scene for evidence, canvassed for witnesses, and waited for Homicide Bureau investigators. Sergeant Castro ensured that the involved Department employees were transported to the station with a supervisor.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IAB investigators received a Homicide Book Supplemental **[EXHIBIT B]** in December 2020. The book included; a DNA Analysis Report of the suspect's firearm **[EXHIBIT B, pages 1-5]**, a Gunshot Residue Analysis Report of the suspect's hands **[EXHIBIT B, pages 6-7]** and the interview of Witness Carlos Estrada **[EXHIBIT B, pages 8-14]**.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEES AND WORK HISTORY

Nikolis Perez, #[redacted] Deputy Sheriff
5'10," 150lbs

Work History

Date of Employment: 09/2012
Date Assigned to Patrol/East LA Station: 02/2016
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

Equipment Worn on Person

Two pouches with ammunition magazines
Radio holster with radio
Taser
First aid kit
Small flashlight
Two handcuff cases with handcuffs
Pepper spray
Pocket knife
Key holder
Collapsible baton
SIG Sauer P226, 9mm handgun
Backup Smith and Wesson .38 revolver

Jonathan Rojas, #[redacted] Deputy Sheriff
5'09," 190lbs

Work History

Date of Employment: 11/2012
Date Assigned to Patrol/East LA Station: 03/2016
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

Equipment Worn on Person

Pouch with two ammunition magazines
Radio holster
Two key ring holders
Collapsible baton
Two handcuff cases with handcuffs
Pepper spray
Pocket knife
Smith and Wesson M&P, 9mm handgun
Backup Smith and Wesson .38 revolver

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Anthony Daniel Vargas (deceased)
Male, Hispanic, DOB: July 27, 1997; 5'10" 300 pounds
[redacted]
FBI # [redacted] CII # [redacted]

The Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System (CCHRS) revealed Suspect Vargas had no felony nor misdemeanor convictions. Suspect Vargas' CCHRS is included in the Homicide Bureau casebook **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 1, pages 120-123]**

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

Suspect Vargas suffered 13 gunshot wounds; two gunshot wounds to the head, ten gunshot wounds to the back and right underarm area, and one gunshot wound to the right forearm. He suffered abrasions to the left shoulder and left forearm. He also suffered bruises to his left knee **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 1, pages 69-94]**.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE INJURIES

Deputy Rojas suffered scrapes and scratches to his ring and pinky finger on the right hand knuckle. He was uncertain how the injuries were sustained. He received treatment at a medical clinic.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence located at the scene was identified and collected by Forensic Identification Specialists Nakia Berry, #[redacted] and Deputy John Chun, #[redacted] assigned to Scientific Services Bureau under the direction of Homicide Bureau investigators **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 1, pages 62-72]**. Additional evidence was collected. The reports of their findings were later compiled in a Homicide Book Supplemental **[EXHIBIT B]** which included a DNA Analysis Report of the suspect's firearm **[EXHIBIT B, pages 1-5]** and a Gunshot Residue Analysis Report of the suspect's hands **[EXHIBIT B, pages 6-7].**

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

The scene was described in detail by Homicide Bureau Investigators Sergeant Robert Martindale and Detective Dean Camarillo **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 1, pages 24-32]**. The crime scene was photographed by Forensic Identification Specialist Nakia Berry, of the Scientific Services Bureau **[EXHIBIT A, Digital Photographs].**

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL

On August 12, 2018, Homicide Sergeant Martindale and Detective Camarillo conducted a round count of both involved deputies' firearms. Deputy Perez' handgun was a Sig Sauer, model P226, 9mm semi-automatic handgun serial #[redacted]A[redacted] Deputy Perez carried his handgun with one round in the chamber and 20 rounds in the magazine. The handgun contained 12 rounds, one in the chamber, and 11 in the magazine, indicating Deputy Perez fired eight rounds.

Deputy Rojas' handgun was a Smith & Wesson, Model M&P, 9mm semi-automatic handgun serial #HAM[redacted] Deputy Rojas carried his handgun with one round in the chamber and 17 rounds in the magazine. The handgun contained ten rounds, one in the chamber, and nine in the magazine, indicating Deputy Rojas fired eight rounds.

Both weapons were examined by Senior Criminalist Amanda Davis, #[redacted] of the Scientific Services Bureau/ Firearms Identification Section. She found both firearms to be functional **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 1, pages 58-59]**.

WEAPON POSSESSED BY SUSPECT VARGAS

Suspect Vargas possessed a Ruger SR22P .22 caliber pistol, loaded with 1 live round in the chamber and 9 live rounds within the 10 round magazine **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 1, page 165].**

PROPERTY DAMAGE

None

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION/CHARGES FILED

The criminal investigation into the shooting was conducted by Homicide Bureau Investigators Sergeant Robert Martindale, #[redacted] and Detective Dean Camarillo, #[redacted] No charges were filed. The criminal investigation into the robbery was conducted by East Los Angeles Operation Safe Streets Bureau Detective Michael Deschamps, #[redacted] and remains ongoing. No charges have been filed.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred during the hours of darkness. The incident occurred in a housing community illuminated by free standing light poles, which were operational. The weather was clear and warm.

911 Calls

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators reviewed East Los Angeles Station voiceprint phone calls. The following are summarized excerpts from the compiled 911 calls **[EXHIBIT D – 911 Calls]:**

Actual Time	Call Number	Audio Mark	Description
01:52	1	00:59-05:28	Witness [redacted] reported robbery to East Los Angeles Station.
01:58	2	00:12-03:08	Witness [redacted] provided additional details to dispatcher regarding the location of the robbery suspects.

RADIO TRAFFIC

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators reviewed Sheriff's Communications Center's (SCC) radio traffic- Dispatch 3, and Local Tactical frequency-L-Tac 6. The following are summarized excerpts from the compiled radio traffic **[EXHIBIT D - Radio Traffic]:**

Radio Traffic – SCC Dispatch 3

Actual Time	Audio File No.	Description
01:59	1	SCC requested emergent response from East Los Angeles Station units to Hammel Street and Mednik Avenue regarding an armed robbery that just occurred.
02:02	3	22K1, Deputies Perez, and Rojas arrived at the call for service.
02:05	4	Deputy Perez broadcasted emergent traffic; that deputies were in a fight, and a deputy was involved shooting occurred. Emergency medical response requested.

Radio traffic – L-Tac 6

Actual Time	Audio File No.	Description
02:00	1	East Los Angeles Station desk stated suspects ran into the Maravilla Housing Community.

02:02	3	Deputy Rendon directed additional deputies to check "Los Cedros" area of the Maravilla Housing Community.

VIDEO

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators reviewed surveillance video footage recorded from numerous cameras within the Nueva Maravilla Community.

> IAB Note: **According to an LA County Housing Authority official, the security camera video system was outdated and in need of updating. There were random breaks in video footage provided to investigators. There are portions of footage where the cameras simply do not record and some of the video cuts off and restarts later while recording [EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 1, page 27]. The following is a summarized excerpt from the videos reviewed [EXHIBIT E - Video]:**

Surveillance Video – Nueva Maravilla Building 44

Actual Time	Video Number	Video Mark	Description
02:04	1	00:00-00:39	South facing camera angle: Suspect ran through complex. Deputy Rojas parked patrol car. Deputies Perez and Rojas exited car and followed direction of suspect off camera.

Surveillance Video – Nueva Maravilla Building 60

02:04	2	00:00-00:12	East facing camera angle: Suspect ran through complex. Deputy Rojas parked patrol car. Deputies Perez and Rojas exited car and followed direction of suspect off camera.

Surveillance Video – Nueva Maravilla Magnolias Parking Lot

02:06	3	00:00-01:28	West facing camera: Deputies Rojas and Perez' radio car seen parked on access road in the upper right screen. Flashlights were seen near the east side

of unit 527. Deputies Rendon and Duran arrived and park radio car.

STATEMENTS

The following interviews were recorded and transcribed. For more information and precise wording, see the attached verbatim interview transcriptions. The following narrative contains summaries of each interview:

INVOLVED PERSONNEL

Deputy Nikolis Perez

On August 12, 2018, Deputy Perez was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Robert Martindale and Detective Dean Camarillo. Deputy Perez was represented by Russell Perry from the Rains, Lucia, Stern, Saint Phalle & Silver law firm. Deputy Perez was interviewed on January 26, 2021 by IAB Sergeants Benjamin Grubb and Luan Dang. He was again represented by Russell Perry from the Rains, Lucia, Stern, Saint Phalle & Silver law firm.

On August 12, 2018, Deputy Perez was assigned to patrol duties at East Los Angeles Station. He worked Unit 22K1, on early morning shift from [redacted] in a two person marked police vehicle with a partner, Deputy Rojas. The deputies heard radio traffic of an emergent response call for service of a robbery "just occurred" near Mednik Avenue and Hammel Street in East Los Angeles. The call stated three male Hispanics in dark clothing robbed a victim of his watch at gunpoint. They responded "code three" to the call as an assisting unit.

Deputies Rendon and Duran were assigned the call, and arrived first to the assistance request. Deputies Rendon and Duran spoke to the victim at Hammel Street and Mednik Avenue. Deputy Rendon, via radio, requested Deputies Rojas and Perez to drive into the Nueva Maravilla Housing Community complex and search for the suspects.

With Deputy Perez in the passenger seat, Deputy Rojas drove their police vehicle into the complex, and traveled southbound on "Colonia de Los Cedros" from Floral Drive and attempted to locate the suspects. They drove eastbound through the complex on the fire access road toward the Colonia de Los Magnolias section of the complex. As the road bended north, a male Hispanic (later identified as the suspect) ran eastbound across the road in front of the deputies.

The suspect wore dark clothing, and matched the general description of the suspects in the robbery call. Deputy Perez formed the opinion the suspect was involved in the armed robbery, and that he needed to immediately apprehend the

suspect because he was a threat to public safety **[Deputy Perez' IAB transcript, page 9].** The incident evolved quickly and there was not enough time to coordinate with other units over the radio that they located a suspect.

Within seconds after he crossed the access road in front of them, the suspect fell on the wet grass area approximately 15-20 feet east of the road. Deputy Rojas stopped the radio car on the access road. Deputy Perez exited the passenger side of the vehicle and ran east toward the suspect. Deputy Rojas exited the driver side and followed Deputy Perez. As Deputy Perez approached to within ten feet of the suspect, he pointed his firearm toward the suspect, identified himself verbally as "Sheriff's Department" and ordered the suspect to stop and to show his hands **[Deputy Perez' IAB transcript, page 11].** The suspect did not stop. The suspect got off the ground and then fell again, face down in the grass with his arms underneath his body.

Deputy Perez holstered his firearm and stood to the suspect's left side. Deputy Perez used his hands to hold the suspect's left arm and ordered the suspect to give him (Deputy Perez) his hands. The suspect remained with his hands near his waistband. Deputy Rojas arrived and positioned himself to the suspect's right side. The suspect tried to get up off the ground as he crawled eastward away from the deputies. Deputy Rojas told Deputy Perez the suspect had a gun. Deputy Perez did not see the gun.

Deputy Perez grasped the suspect's left arm and attempted to pull it away from the underside of the suspect's body. The suspect ignored additional verbal orders to relinquish his hand to Deputy Perez, and turned his left torso toward the ground. With his left hand, Deputy Perez punched the suspect approximately two or three times in the back of the head to gain the suspect's compliance and surrender his hand. Deputy Perez used his portable radio, and broadcasted that deputies were involved in a fight with an armed suspect and included their location.

The suspect faced away from the deputies and continued to pull away from them as he crawled east on the grass. Deputy Perez again used his left hand and punched the back of the suspect's head three to four times.

The suspect broke free of Deputy Perez' grasp, and turned around. The suspect now faced west with his back toward Deputy Perez and Deputy Rojas still positioned near the suspect's right side. Deputy Perez rose from his knees to his feet, and was four feet east of the suspect. With his back to Deputy Perez, the suspect began to rise to his feet.

Deputy Rojas told Deputy Perez, "He's going for the gun" **[Deputy Perez' IAB transcript page 31].** Deputy Perez saw the suspect motion his arms toward the front of his body and believed the suspect retrieved a firearm.

Deputy Perez feared the suspect was going to shoot and kill his partner and himself. Deputy Perez drew his firearm, aimed it at the center mass of the suspect's back, and discharged his firearm. Deputy Perez thought if he did not fire at the suspect, "Me or my partner, or both of us would be killed" **[Deputy Perez' IAB transcript page 34].**

Deputy Perez believed he fired six or seven times, all in succession. Deputy Perez fired at a downward angle, because he stood on the rise of a small slope and the suspect was closer to the ground. Deputy Perez considered his backdrop before he fired, which consisted of the grassy ground and a fence or wall. Deputy Rojas stood to Deputy Perez' right side during the shooting, and was not in the line of fire. Deputy Rojas also discharged his firearm. The suspect fell forward facedown into the grass, with his right arm still positioned underneath his body.

Deputy Perez broadcasted over the radio that they were involved in a shooting. The deputies were still concerned about the firearm underneath his body, and waited for additional units to arrive before handcuffs could be applied. Approximately 15 seconds after the shooting, Deputies Rendon and Duran arrived.

Deputy Duran handcuffed and rolled the suspect over unto his back, at which time they saw a black semiautomatic firearm in the grass underneath where the suspect had been. Deputies Perez and Rojas disengaged from the incident, and stood by while assisting units managed the incident. Deputy Perez did not suffer any injuries during the incident. Other deputies rendered first aid to the suspect, and he and Deputy Rojas were transported back to the station to be interviewed.

Deputy Jonathan Rojas

On August 12, 2018, Deputy Rojas was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Robert Martindale and Detective Dean Camarillo. Deputy Rojas was represented by Russell Perry from the Rains, Lucia, Stern, Saint Phalle & Silver law firm. Deputy Rojas was interviewed on January 25, 2021 by IAB Sergeants Benjamin Grubb and Louis Serrano. He was again represented by Russell Perry from the Rains, Lucia, Stern, Saint Phalle & Silver law firm.

On August 12, 2018, Deputy Rojas was assigned to patrol duties at East Los Angeles Station. He worked on early morning shift from [redacted] in Unit 22K1 with a partner, Deputy Perez. Radio traffic indicated a robbery just occurred call for service near Mednik Avenue and Hammel Street in East Los Angeles. The call stated three male Hispanics were involved and one of the three suspects had a gun. The call stated the suspects were still near the location. They responded with emergency lights and sirens and assisted unit 23, Deputies Rendon and Duran.

As they neared the location of the robbery, Deputy Rendon told deputies via radio to check the "Colonia de Los Cedros" parking lot section of the Nueva Maravilla Housing Community complex.

Deputy Rojas drove their patrol car into the complex, traveled southbound on the Colonia de Los Cedros parking lot from Floral Drive, and attempted to locate the suspects. They traveled eastbound through the complex on the fire access road. The access road turned north toward the Colonia de Los Magnolias section of the complex. As they drove north, Deputy Perez told Deputy Rojas that he saw the suspect run in front of them. Deputy Rojas saw the suspect run east across the fire access road. The suspect wore dark clothing, and the deputies perceived the suspect to be involved in the robbery.

The suspect stumbled on the ground approximately 20 feet east of the access road and Deputy Rojas stopped the patrol car. The deputies determined it was crucial to immediately stop the armed robbery suspect from running into the community and harming someone.

Deputy Perez exited the vehicle, approached the suspect, and ordered him to stop and get on the ground. Deputy Rojas exited the driver side of the vehicle. He saw Deputy Perez in a struggle with the suspect. Deputy Perez had his arms around the suspect and attempted to get him on the ground. Deputy Rojas assisted Deputy Perez as they attempted to bring the suspect to the ground. Deputy Rojas ordered the suspect to "get on the ground, get on the ground" **[Deputy Rojas' Homicide transcript, page 9],** but the suspect did not comply. From behind, Deputy Rojas grasped the suspect's right arm and attempted to pull it behind the suspect's back as he ordered the suspect to relinquish his hands.

Deputy Perez was positioned on the left side of the suspect. Deputy Rojas was positioned behind the suspect's right side, and tried to control the suspect's right arm. The suspect's arms were underneath him. They ordered the suspect to give up his hands, but the suspect did not comply. When Deputy Rojas reached around the suspect and attempted to pull the suspect's right hand, he felt the handle of a firearm **[Deputy Rojas' IAB transcript, pages 22-23].** Deputy Rojas was not able to retrieve the firearm during the struggle.

Deputy Rojas told Deputy Perez, "Hey, he has a gun!" **[Deputy Rojas' Homicide transcript, page 10].** Deputy Perez broadcasted radio traffic that the deputies were involved in a fight with a suspect who possessed a firearm. Deputy Rojas used his right hand and punched the suspect approximately two to five times on the right side of his ribs and told the suspect to give up his hands. The suspect did not comply. The suspect continued to pull away from deputies and pulled them east approximately 50 feet southeast of where they first made contact.

The suspect got to his feet, turned and faced westbound and then fell face down to the ground in the grass area east of building 43, with his hands underneath his body. Deputy Rojas also fell to the ground, and landed on his right shoulder. The suspect then rolled his body onto his left shoulder and lifted the right side of his body. The suspect faced Deputy Rojas, who had gotten to a seated position approximately five feet from the suspect. Deputy Rojas' portable radio microphone cord was stuck under the suspect's arm, which tethered him to the suspect and prevented Deputy Rojas from creating distance.

The suspect had the gun in his hand, with his arm bent as he retrieved it from his waistband. Deputy Rojas shouted, "Gun, gun, gun!" Deputy Rojas was afraid; "...at that point I was just so scared. I was so scared that he was going to shoot me" **[Deputy Rojas' Homicide transcript, page 13].** From a seated position, Deputy Rojas drew his firearm, aimed for the suspect's right side and fired eight times consecutively at the suspect. Deputy Perez fired at the suspect simultaneously. The suspect fell faced down with his right hand underneath his body.

Deputy Perez broadcasted a deputy involved shooting occurred, and the deputies held the suspect at gunpoint. Based on the proximity to the firearm, the suspect was still a threat with the firearm underneath him. Deputy Rojas stood to his feet, but he was still tethered to the suspect by his microphone cord from his portable radio. The deputies did not immediately render first aid because they did not feel it was safe to do until additional units arrived.

Approximately 10 to 15 seconds after the shooting, Deputies Rendon and Duran arrived. Deputy Perez flashed his flashlight at the deputies to get their attention and guided them over to the location where they stood adjacent to the suspect.

Sergeants Castro and Rodriguez arrived. Deputies removed the suspect's arms, at which point Deputy Rojas' radio was removed. The suspect was handcuffed by the other deputies. The suspect was rolled to his left side, which revealed a gun on the ground underneath the suspect. Deputies on scene performed CPR on the suspect.

Deputy Rojas suffered scrapes and scratches to his ring and pinky finger on the right hand knuckle, but he was uncertain how he received the injuries.

EMPLOYEE WITNESSES

Deputy Adrian Rendon

On August 12, 2018, Deputy Rendon was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Robert Martindale and Detective Dean Camarillo. Deputy Rendon was interviewed on January 25, 2021, by IAB Sergeant Benjamin Grubb.

On August 12, 2018, Deputy Rendon was a [redacted] assigned to East Los Angeles Station. He worked Unit 23 on early morning shift from [redacted] in a two person marked police vehicle with a partner, Deputy Duran.

Deputies Rendon and Duran responded to radio traffic regarding an armed robbery near East Hammel Street and Mednik Avenue. They responded to the location and were the first deputies to arrive. As they arrived, Deputies Rendon and Duran saw a group of males run east into the Nueva Maravilla Housing Community. Deputy Rendon was flagged down by the robbery victim and informant. The victim and informant pointed to the group of males who ran and told Deputies Rendon and Duran, "Those guys are the ones that just robbed me" **[Deputy Rendon's Homicide transcript, page 3].**

Deputy Duran spoke to the victim and gathered more information to prepare for a crime broadcast. Via radio, Deputy Rendon told Deputies Perez and Rojas to drive into the Colonia de Los Cedros area of the Maravilla Housing Community and search for the suspects.

Deputies Duran and Rendon spoke to the victims while Deputies Perez and Rojas searched for the suspects. Deputy Rendon heard Deputy Perez on the radio state that deputies had been involved in a fight.

Deputies Rendon and Duran ran to their patrol car to respond to Deputies Perez and Rojas. Approximately 30 seconds after the "deputies involved in a fight" broadcast, Deputy Perez broadcasted a deputy involved shooting had occurred. Deputies Rendon and Duran drove inside the Maravilla Housing Projects to the area where Deputies Perez and Rojas were located.

Deputies Rendon and Duran exited their vehicle and ran toward Deputies Perez and Rojas. Deputies Rojas and Perez stood next to the suspect, who laid face down on the ground. The suspect had his arms tucked underneath his body. Deputies Perez and Rojas advised that the suspect had a handgun underneath his body. The suspect did not move. Deputy Rendon advised deputies to contain the scene and not to move the suspect. Sergeant Castro arrived and directed deputies to handcuff the suspect. Deputy Duran grasped the suspect's left arm and attempted to pull the suspect's right arm out from under him and roll the suspect over but had difficulty. Deputy Rendon assisted Deputy Duran and grasped the suspect's right sleeve. Deputy Duran pulled the suspect's right arm out from under him and behind his back. Deputy Duran handcuffed the suspect, who was then rolled over onto his back. As the suspect was rolled over onto his back, a black handgun was revealed on the ground underneath the suspect's body. Deputy Duran administered CPR at the direction of Sergeant Castro **[Deputy Rendon's Homicide transcript, page 4].**

Deputy Rendon went back to the patrol vehicle to coordinate with other units to search for additional robbery suspects.

Deputy James Duran

On August 12, 2018, Deputy Duran was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Robert Martindale and Detective Dean Camarillo. Deputy Duran was interviewed on January 13, 2021, by IAB Sergeant Benjamin Grubb.

On August 12, 2018, Deputy Duran was assigned to East Los Angeles Station. He worked on the early morning shift from [redacted] in unit 23 with a partner, Deputy Rendon.

Deputies Rendon and Duran responded to and arrived at the robbery call at the intersection of Hammel Street and Mednik Avenue. They arrived seconds after the call for service was received on the radio at approximately 2 AM. The deputies saw a group of three or four male Hispanics run eastbound into the Maravilla Housing Community along the Colonia De Los Cedros fire road.

It appeared to Deputies Duran and Rendon the group of males ran from the sight of the deputy patrol car to avoid detection and might be involved in the robbery **[Deputy Duran's IAB transcript, page 6].** Deputy Rendon broadcasted radio traffic which indicated the suspects ran from deputies. Deputies Duran and Rendon located and interviewed the victim, who was in a parked vehicle on Hammel Avenue. The deputies' interview of the victim was interrupted when emergent radio traffic indicated deputies had been involved in a fight in the Colonia de Los Magnolias section of the Maravilla Housing Community.

Deputies Duran and Rendon returned to their patrol car. Seconds later, radio traffic indicated a deputy involved shooting occurred. Deputies Rendon and Duran drove into the Maravilla Housing Community, and located Deputies Perez and Rojas in an area west of the Colonia de Los Magnolias parking lot. Deputies Perez and Rojas stood and pointed their firearms at the suspect. The suspect was positioned face down on the ground. The suspect was motionless and his right arm was tucked under his body. Deputies Perez and Rojas told Deputies Rendon and Duran that the suspect was still armed. Sergeant Castro arrived moments after Deputies Rendon and Duran.

Sergeant Castro directed Deputy Duran to handcuff the suspect. Deputy Duran handcuffed the suspect's left arm, but was unable to pull the suspect's right arm behind his back. Deputy Rendon assisted Deputy Duran pull the suspect's right arm behind his back, and Deputy Duran handcuffed the suspect. The suspect was rolled over onto his left side, which revealed a black semi-automatic firearm on the ground underneath the suspect. The suspect was rolled onto his back.

The suspect was unconscious, not breathing and Deputy Duran was unable to locate a pulse. Deputy Duran administered CPR on the suspect at the direction of Sergeant Castro. After two or three minutes of performing CPR, LACOFD arrived and continued performing CPR on the suspect. LACOFD declared the suspect deceased, and deputies established a crime scene at the location.

Deputy Duran completed the initial robbery report (918-11925-0281-031) related to the incident **[EXHIBIT A – Associated Reports, Initial Robbery Report, pages 1-8]**.

Sergeant Mario Castro

On August 12, 2018, Sergeant Castro was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Robert Martindale and Detective Dean Camarillo. Sergeant Castro was interviewed on January 27, 2021, by IAB Sergeant Benjamin Grubb. Sergeant Castro was represented by Teresa O'Neil from the Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association (PPOA).

On August 12, 2018, Sergeant Castro was assigned to East Los Angeles Station. He was a field sergeant on the early morning shift from [redacted] in unit 21S. He worked with a partner, Sergeant Rodriguez.

Sergeants Castro and Rodriguez responded to an armed robbery call when they heard radio traffic which indicated a deputy involved shooting occurred. They rerouted and drove to the location of the shooting inside of the Maravilla Housing Complex. Upon arrival, he saw Deputies Rojas and Perez with their firearms pointed at the suspect on the ground.

The suspect was positioned faced down on the ground with his head pointed west and his arms tucked underneath his body. Deputy Rojas' portable radio was "dangling from his gun belt," and his microphone cord was wrapped around the suspect's right forearm **[Sergeant Castro's Homicide transcript, page 3].**

Sergeant Castro approached Deputies Perez and Rojas and ensured they were uninjured and okay. He instructed the deputies to holster their firearms. Deputy Duran handcuffed the suspect's left arm, and then with assistance from Deputy Rendon, they handcuffed the suspect's right arm. As the suspect was handcuffed, he was rolled to his left shoulder which revealed a black handgun on the ground underneath him. Sergeant Rodriguez untangled Deputy Rojas' microphone cord and took possession of the portable radio.

The suspect was rolled onto his back, and Sergeant Castro directed deputies to administer CPR. Deputies continued to take turns performing CPR until the fire department arrived approximately 10 minutes later.

The fire department attended to the suspect; as Sergeant Castro, stood watch to ensure the suspect's handgun was not moved. The fire department pronounced the suspect deceased, and Sergeant Castro instructed deputies to put up crime scene tape and preserve the scene. Sergeant Castro ensured the involved department employees were transported to the station with a supervisor.

Sergeant Sara Rodriguez

On August 12, 2018, Sergeant Rodriguez was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Robert Martindale and Detective Dean Camarillo. Sergeant Rodriguez was interviewed on January 5, 2021, by IAB Sergeant Benjamin Grubb.

On August 12, 2018, Sergeant Rodriguez was assigned to East Los Angeles Station. She was a field sergeant on the early morning shift from [redacted] in unit 21S. She worked with a partner, Sergeant Castro. Sergeants Rodriguez and Castro responded to an armed robbery call near Hammel Street and Mednik Avenue when they heard emergency assistance radio traffic which indicated deputies were involved in a fight. They responded to the area where the assistance request was generated, and located the deputies on a grassy area west of the Magnolias parking lot within the Maravilla Housing Community. Sergeant Rodriguez exited the vehicle, approached the deputies, and saw the suspect chest-down on the ground with his arms tucked underneath his body. The suspect's head was pointed west, and his feet pointed east. The deputies were just north of the suspect, and faced southbound with their attention drawn to the suspect. Deputy Rojas pointed his firearm at the suspect, and stood within approximately six feet of the suspect on the ground. The suspect did not move.

The deputies told the sergeants the suspect was armed with a handgun. Deputy Rojas' portable radio external microphone cord was wrapped around the suspect's right forearm and tethered to his radio, which was still holstered in his gun belt radio-holder.

Sergeant Rodriguez' attention was drawn to Deputy Rojas' entangled radio microphone cord. Sergeant Rodriguez stood next to Deputy Rojas, closer to the right side of the suspect. At Sergeant Castro's direction, the deputies rolled the suspect over onto his left side. As the suspect was rolled over, Sergeant Rodriguez untangled Deputy Rojas' radio microphone cord from the suspect's right arm. As she untangled the cord, a black handgun fell out of the suspect's waistband area **[Sergeant Rodriguez' IAB transcript, page 12].** Sergeant Rodriguez removed the microphone cord from the suspect and removed the radio from Deputy Rojas' radio holder. She later secured the radio inside a patrol vehicle. The suspect was handcuffed and rolled onto his back and deputies administered CPR within a minute of being rolled over. Within five minutes of the deputies performing CPR, the fire department paramedics arrived.

After the paramedics arrived, deputies canvassed the area and searched for witnesses to the shooting. Deputy Rojas had a minor injury, and Sergeant Rodriguez completed the associated paperwork.

CIVILIAN WITNESSES

Witness [redacted]

On August 12, 2018, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Robert Martindale and Detective Dean Camarillo.

On August 12, 2018, at approximately midnight, Witness [redacted] met up with his friend, Witness [redacted] at a "Denny's" restaurant on East Cesar Chavez Avenue and Mednik Avenue in East Los Angeles. After he ate, he separated from Witness [redacted] exited the restaurant, and walked northbound on Mednik Avenue toward his parked car. As he walked near the Maravilla Housing Community complex, he saw a group of three male Hispanics who stood together in the grass parkway area of the complex. One of the three males was on a bicycle. Witness [redacted] saw the other males hand the male on the bicycle a dark object wrapped in cloth. The male on the bicycle put the object into his waistband and approached him. Witness [redacted] thought the object was a gun **[Witness [redacted] Homicide transcript, page 27].** The other males remained in the grass parkway.

The male on the bicycle blocked Witness [redacted] path on the sidewalk. The male told Witness [redacted] "Take your wallet out, give me any cash you have" **[Witness [redacted] Homicide transcript, page 17].** Witness [redacted] told him he did not have anything and gave the male his wallet. The male looked through his wallet and demanded Witness [redacted] watch. Witness [redacted] feared he would be assaulted or shot by the male if he did not comply, so he gave the suspect his watch. Witness [redacted] turned around and ran southbound on Mednik Avenue. The male on the bicycle and the group of other males remained in the parkway area. Witness [redacted] returned to the Denny's restaurant and met up with his [redacted] Witness [redacted]

Witness [redacted] and Witness [redacted] drove around in Witness [redacted] vehicle and looked for the suspects. Witness [redacted] called East Los Angeles Station to report the crime. Witness [redacted] saw the group of male Hispanics who remained in the grass area in the Maravilla Housing Community. Witness [redacted] parked her vehicle on Hammel Street and Mednik Avenue and waited for sheriff's deputies. When the police car arrived, it made a short siren noise. The group of males reacted to the sound, and fled eastbound on the fire access road into the Maravilla Housing Community. Deputies spoke with Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] and obtained details of the incident. As they spoke to Witness [redacted] the deputies received a call for service and abruptly drove away from the witnesses.

Homicide Bureau detectives provided Witness [redacted] the opportunity to identify suspects from the robbery during a six person photo lineup of mug shots. Witness [redacted] did not positively identify any of the males as the suspects that robbed him.

Witness [redacted]

On August 12, 2018, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Robert Martindale and Detective Dean Camarillo.

Witness [redacted] and her [redacted] Witness [redacted] ate at the Denny's restaurant in East Los Angeles. Afterward, Witness [redacted] walked to his car parked nearby and Witness [redacted] left the restaurant in her vehicle. She received a text from Witness [redacted] in which he stated he was "jumped by some cholos" **[Witness [redacted] Homicide transcript, page 4].** Witness [redacted] returned to the Denny's restaurant and reunited with Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] told Witness [redacted] that some males stole his watch, and he believed they had a gun.

Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] drove around the area in her car and searched for the suspects that robbed Witness [redacted] They saw a group of approximately 15 males on a grassy area of the Maravilla Housing Community near Mednik Avenue and East Hammel Street. The grassy area was located on the north side of the access road, between the road and a building. Witness [redacted] told Witness [redacted] that one of the males in the group, a male on a bike, was the suspect who robbed him.

Witness [redacted] parked the vehicle near Mednik and Hammel, called police, and waited for them to arrive. When deputies arrived in a police car, the group of males scattered eastbound into the Maravilla Housing Community. The deputies began to take Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] statements, when they heard radio traffic which distracted them. The deputies, "Dropped what they were doing" and drove away from the witnesses **[Witness [redacted] Homicide transcript, page 22].**

Witness [redacted] drove Witness [redacted] back to his vehicle. Witness [redacted] received a phone call from the police dispatcher. He was told to contact the deputies again.

Witness [redacted]

On May 28, 2020, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Sergeant Robert Martindale and Detective Dean Camarillo at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Norco Conservation Camp.

IAB Note: In October of 2018, Witness [redacted] was arrested and subsequently sentenced to state prison for a robbery unrelated to this investigation.

Witness [redacted] was a member of a gang located within the Nueva Maravilla Housing Complex, and an acquaintance of the suspect. They met in approximately May 2018 inside the Nueva Maravilla Housing Complex through mutual friends. The suspect was not in the gang, but often drank together with gang members and others inside the Nueva Maravilla Housing Complex.

A week or two prior to August 12, 2018, one of Witness [redacted] "little homies" from the gang was killed in Boyle Heights **[Witness [redacted] Homicide transcript, page 9].** On August 12, 2018, gang members including Witness [redacted] and the suspect attended a candlelight vigil at the location of the killing in Boyle Heights. After the vigil, Witness [redacted] the suspect and approximately 15 others went to the Maravilla Housing Community and drank together at an apartment in building 35 of the Magnolias portion of the complex.

Witness [redacted] left the group at approximately 10 PM and visited a female at another apartment within the Nueva Maravilla Housing Complex. He returned to the apartment in building 35 hours later. Most of the original group of individuals, who were present earlier, including the suspect, left the location. After a short time there, Witness [redacted] exited the unit in building 35 to meet with a different female at another apartment in building 38.

As Witness [redacted] stood on the exit stairs, a police car stopped on the fire access road and two police officers exited the car. The suspect ran from the officers, but tripped and the officers ran up and made contact with the suspect. The police officers tried to take the suspect to the ground on a grassy area near the western portion of the Magnolias parking lot. The officers could not bring the suspect to the ground as the suspect tried to crawl up and run. "They kept yelling like get on the ground," **[Witness [redacted] Homicide transcript, page 25]** and then a different voice said, "Fuck you" **[Witness [redacted] Homicide transcript, page 25].**

Witness [redacted] was on parole, and he became scared when he heard police sirens in the distance. He quickly walked south and out of view of the altercation and arrived at his destination at the female's apartment. As he stood in the doorway of the unit in building 38, he heard 16-20 gunshots. Witness [redacted] did not witness the shooting.

After the shooting, Witness [redacted] called people to find out who had been shot. He later learned the suspect was involved in the shooting.